

THE STATE CSBG DIRECTOR'S DIGEST

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This update contains information on possible funding opportunities (1), resources (1), events (2) and publications (3) that may be of interest to the CSBG network.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly

Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=49304>

RESOURCES:

Poverty Numbers: Historical Rates by States and by Age

The Urban Institute released these numbers, which include historical poverty rates nationally and State by State with an interactive map of poverty over the past 20 years. This Web page also provides an overview of poverty by age overtime. For more information, please see:

<http://www.urban.org/poverty/povertynumbers.cfm>

EVENTS:

THE \$750 BILLION QUESTION: DOES OUR GOVERNMENT PROMOTE ECONOMIC MOBILITY?

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 from Noon–1:30 p.m. ET

Sponsored by Urban Institute

While economic opportunity and upward mobility form the core of the American dream, we know too well that many Americans don't move up the income ladder, and recent trends in wages warn of serious obstacles ahead. Urban Institute research, supported by Pew's Economic Mobility Project, also shows that most government spending doesn't advance a mobility agenda. Join us for a spirited discussion as an expert panel debates how mobility policies have succeeded and failed, how -- or whether -- federal spending should be redirected to increase opportunity in America, and where mobility policy needs to go. Learn more and register at:

<http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=64000>.

Weatherization Assistance Program and the Davis-Bacon Act Webinar

Thursday, December 3, 2009 | 2:00 to 4:00 pm CST

Sponsored by WIPFLI

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requires that laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded by or directly assisted in whole or in part through the ARRA shall be paid prevailing wages. Therefore, Weatherization Assistance Program projects must now comply with Davis-Bacon - make sure your organization is in compliance! Learn more and register at:

https://gfp.wipfli.com/training/registrations/webinar_weatherization_120309.html

PUBLICATIONS:

Recovery Act Spurs Genuine Growth

Economic Policy Institute

"Now that it has been reported that the economy expanded at a 3.5% rate in the third quarter of this year, some experts quoted by CNN and the *New York Times* (among others) are suggesting that *precisely because* the recovery act was responsible for the lion's share of growth, it somehow had failed to repair the economy's deep (usually unspecified) underlying structural problems. In short, the recovery-package-led growth in the third quarter was somehow "artificial." In a way, this is progress. At least there's agreement now that the government's money is as good as anybody else's when it comes to spurring economic activity and creating and preserving jobs. Still there is an oddity here. The new Recovery Act skeptics want to argue something like, "without the public spending provided by the Recovery Act, the economy would just crumble. So we should stop this public spending." Read more at:

http://www.epi.org/analysis_and_opinion/entry/recovery_act_spurs_genuine_growth/

Evaluating Mentoring Programs

From Public/Private Ventures, this resource brief is designed to provide program operators and researchers with advice about how to assess a program's implementation and impact with a focus on mentoring programs, in general. However, the information can be applied across social programs. Authors provide an overview of issues that can arise in implementation as well as evaluation of a program. For more information, please see:

http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/303_publication.pdf

Racial and Ethnic Disparities among Low-Income Families

Across the country, low-income status varies significantly by race and ethnicity. Currently, 13.4 million families with children are below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Of those families, 30 percent are Hispanic, 22 percent are black or African American, and 6 percent are other nonwhites. From the Urban Institute, this fact sheet provides statistics on racial and ethnic differences in family structure, work effort, nativity or immigration status, earnings, and education. For more information, please see:

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411936_racialandethn.pdf

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS:

N/A